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MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Enclosed are a PTO-1449 and copies of references cited in an International Search Report, dated August 28, 2001 for the Examiner's consideration. Each Japanese reference has a corresponding English abstract for the Examiner's convenience.

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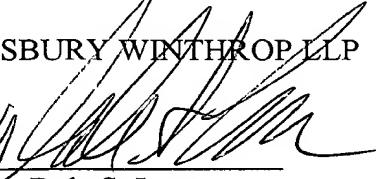
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

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